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1. HIGHLIGHTS OF ECHEVERRIA'S SECOND DAY IN BRAZIL WERE VISITS TO A STEEL PLANT AND A VOLKSWAGEN FACTORY, AND LUNCH AT SAO PAULO'S JOCKEY CLUB. WIDELY QUOTED WAS HIS REMARK THAT MEXICO'S "INTEGRATIONIST POLICY . . . IS INSPIRED IN A NATIONALIST SPIRIT, WITHOUT HOSTILITY TO FOREIGN CAPITAL, AND HAS AS (ITS) CENTRAL OBJECTIVE COMBATING THE EFFECTS OF INTERNATIONAL INFLATION." CONSERVATIVE DAILY O GLOBO HIGHLIGHTED OTHER REMARK (NOT CARRIED BY OTHER PAPERS) THAT "IT IS IMPORTANT TO PROMOTE THE INTEGRATED

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DEVELOPMENT OF ALL LATIN AMERICA, BUT IT IS NECESSARY,

ABOVE ALL, TO ACHIEVE AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF RICHES, SINCE THERE WILL NOT BE SOCIAL PEACE WITHOUT THIS." SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO COMMENT ON THIS STATEMENT, WHICH TOUCHES A LOCAL ISSUE OF SOME SENSITIVITY; INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MINISTER CAMPILLO SAENZ WAS QUOTED TO SIMILAR EFFECT BY JORNAL DO BRASIL. CAMPILLO WAS ALSO CREDITED WITH REMARK THAT MEXICO'S "THREE THOUSAND KILOMETERS OF BORDER WITH THE UNITED STATES GIVES US THE GREAT RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE LATIN AMERICANS OF AFFIRMING OUR PERSONALITY WITHIN A NATIONALIST SPIRIT, WITHOUT HOSTILITIES TOWARD OTHER COUNTRIES," AND WITH SUGGESTION THAT LA COUNTRIES HARMONIZE THEIR RULES REGARDING FOREIGN CAPITAL, EXPLAINING "IF THE OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY ONE COUNTRY ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT OTHER NATIONS OFFER, THE INVESTORS WILL PLAY WITH THOSE DETAILS, TRYING TO BENEFIT THEMSELVES TO THE MAXIMUM."

2. VISIT IN GENERAL SEEMED TO BE PROCEEDING IN FRIENDLY FASHION, WITH ECHEVERRIA AND COMPANY PAYING REPEATED TRIBUTE TO SIZE AND STRENGTH OF BRAZILIAN ECONOMY, AND TO ITS CONTRIBUTION TO LA INTEGRATION. ACCORDING TO PRESTIGIOUS ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, 29 BRAZILIAN-MEXICAN AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED "AT THE ENTREPRENEURIAL LEVEL." ECHEVERRIA'S CONTINUING NONCHALANCE TOWARD PROTOCOLARY NICETIES WAS NOTED BY JORNAL DO BRASIL, WHICH REPORTED THAT ECHEVERRIA ARRIVED (EVENING JULY 22) IN RIO, WHERE GOVERNOR CHAGAS FREITAS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES WERE WAITING, TWO AND A HALF HOURS LATE.

3. WIDELY-READ NEWSWEEKLY VEJA CAME OUT JULY 22 WITH INTERVIEW WITH ECHEVERRIA CONDUCTED JUST BEFORE HIS TRIP BEGAN. ASKED ABOUT PURPOSE OF TRIP AND POSSIBILITY OF LA "PACT," ECHEVERRIA NOTED CONTINUING DIVISIONS AMONG LA COUNTRIES, ADDING THAT BENEFICIARIES OF THAT DIVISION ARE "THE LARGE BUYERS OF OUR BASIC PRODUCTS." THUS, HE SAID, "I AM GOING TO PROPOSE THAT WE DEFEND OURSELVES A LITTLE MORE." ECHEVERRIA ADDED, "MEXICO HAS BEEN DEPENDING, FUNDAMENTALLY ON ONLY ONE MARKET: THE UNITED STATES, OUR GOOD NEIGHBORS AND GOOD FRIENDS. BUT THIS IS NOT USEFUL (CONVENIENTE), NOT EVEN FOR THE AMERICANS." IN RESPONSE TO SUBSEQUENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUESTIONS, ECHEVERRIA CALLED FOR A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER AS A MEANS OF AVOIDING INTERNATIONAL STRIFE, SPOKE OF POSSIBLE BRAZILIAN-MEXICAN COOPERATION IN EXPANSION OF MEXICAN ELECTRICAL AND PETROLEUM INDUSTRIES, DEFINED THE THIRD WORLD AS THE TWO-THIRDS OF HUMANITY NOT ENJOYING A HIGH DEGREE OF ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND CALLED FOR THESE COUNTRIES TO FORGET THEIR IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL DIFFERENCES, AS THE GREAT POWERS

ARE DOING, IN ORDER TO FAVOR THEIR INTERESTS. ECHEVERRIA AGREED THAT THE MEXICAN ECONOMY IS MIXED, ADDING THAT "IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE AN ESSENTIALLY NATIONALIST CRITERION IN ORDER TO DEFEND ONESELF AGAINST THE TRANSNATIONAL COMPANIES AND MANY FORMS OF PRESSURE AGAINST THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." HE CONFIRMED THAT HE WOULD TAKE PART IN THE CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE, AND SAID "I WILL SPEAK OF THE NON-COMPREHENSION OF JAPAN, THE U.S., AND THE USSR IN RELATION TO THE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT GREAT FISHING POWERS."

4. IN ESTADO DE SAO PAULO INTEVIEW CARRRIED JULY 23, FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA SAID INTER ALIA THAT MEXICAN-BRAZILIAN TALKS HERE WOULD HAVE AN OPEN AGENDA, THAT CUBA WOULD BE DISCUSSED IF IT AROSE BUT MEXICO WOULD NOT RAISE IT (PLANNING TO STICK TO BILATERAL MATTERS INCLUDING CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL EXCHANGE), THAT ALL LA NATIONS SHOULD UNITE IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC CHARTER, THAT MEXICO HOPED TO ACHIEVE TRUE LA INTEGRATION AND HAD NO LEADERSHIP ASPIRATIONS, AND THAT TRUE INTEGRATION WOULD REQUIRE ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. RABASA PRAISED THE NEW DIALOGUE BUT AGREED U.S. TRADE LAWS (OR THEIR EXECUTION) COULD CREATE PROBLEMS. HE SAID THAT ARGENTINA FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES HAS NOT YET INITIATED CONSULTATIONS REGARDING THE MARCH 1975 MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES, AND THAT IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTIONS, VIGNES HAD SAID HE HAD NOT DECIDED WHETHER CONSENSUS WAS NECESSARY OR A SIMPLE MAJORITY WAS ADEQUATE TO PERMIT CUBAN PARTICIPATION. ACCORDING TO RABASA, VIGNES SAID RESOLVING THAT QUESTION WOULD BE ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF HIS CONSULTATION.

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